

# Finance, Academy of

**Location:** Junior and senior-level academy courses are taught at the ARL.

## Summary

Established in Howard County in 1999, the Academy of Finance (AOF) is a member program of the National Academy Foundation. The AOF introduces students to the broad career opportunities in the business and financial services industries and, in the process, equips them to make sound post-secondary and career choices. The AOF curriculum is a comprehensive, standards-based sequence of courses addressing industry-specific knowledge and general workplace competencies. Academy students will have the opportunity to develop relationships with local business leaders and to apply their skills in an internship experience. Students will be paired with a business professional who will serve as a mentor throughout their junior and senior year.

## Recommended Electives

Students planning to attend a four-year, postsecondary institution are advised to take at least two years of World Language.

## Prerequisites

- Completion of Algebra I prior to enrollment in academy coursework.

## Successful Academy Students:

- Maintain a C average in academy coursework.
- Participate in job shadowing and student workshops.
- Complete a semester internship during the spring of their senior year.
- Successfully complete a pre-selected college-level course during their senior year.

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Algebra I or above	Geometry or above	Algebra II or above	Mathematics
Science	Science	Science	Elective
U.S. History	American Government	World History	Elective
Lifetime Fitness/Health	Elective	Elective	Academy of Finance II – G/T CT-635-3
Fine Arts	Elective	Academy of Finance I – G/T CT-625-2	
Technology Education	Elective		

Shaded areas designate completer coursework.

Sample Career Options		
< 4-Year Degree	4-Year Degree	> 4-Year Degree
Accounts Clerk Bank Teller Brokerage Clerk Collector	Bank Branch Manager Contract Underwriter Financial Advisor Financial or Budget Analyst Loan Officer Portfolio Administrator Stockbroker	Actuary Campaign Manager Chief Financial Officer Chief Operating Officer Comptroller Economist Statistician